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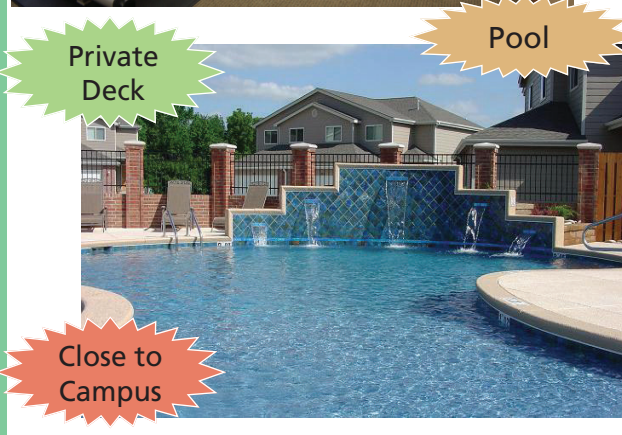
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Paul offers laid back, comedic look at alien living on Earth

"Paul"

★★★★★

Movie review by Tyler Brown

As the early summer movie season kicks off, out comes the second alien invasion movie in two weeks. Different from last week's "Battle: LA," the new release, "Paul," is an animated comedy that centers on a laid-back little gray man on the run. Coming from director Greg Mottola, whose previous work

includes "Adventureland," "Superbad" and "Arrested Development," you can count on "Paul" to deliver in laughs. The two men writing this film, Simon Pegg and Nick Frost, are a duo who have appeared together in other features before. You'll surely recognize these jovial gents from films like "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz." Rounding out the male leads in convincing CGI form is Seth Rogen – whose voice and carefree attitude you'll recall from films like "The Green Hornet" and "Knocked Up." In

supporting yet hilarious roles, we get Jason Bateman as a government agent and Kristen Wiig as a wayward woman being exposed to the world for the very first time. The premise behind "Paul" is deceptively simple – two nerds from the United Kingdom are on a road trip across the United States' southwest region to hit up San Diego Comiccon and all of the UFO hotspots. Along the way, the nerds run into Paul, a small runaway alien who is looking to get home. The premise might be

simple, but the adventure of this movie will keep you intrigued. While the characters try to find home, the audience is introduced to incompetent government agents, backwoods rednecks and most entertaining of all, the Bible-toting, gun-shooting father of Kristen Wiig's character. The pace for Paul's leaving our planet has urgency in the movie because by the end, everyone is after him – including the mysterious "Big Guy" who is in charge of the agents. I should mention that this

film might not be for everyone. It has the kind of comedy that you would find in the above mentioned films and brushes upon the touchy subject of religion. So, if you are easily offended, this film might not be for you. With heart, twists, cameos and more nerdy references than you could shake a womp rat at, "Paul" is a comedy worth investing your time and money in. 4.5 out of 5

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Working out with pals helps motivate, keep focus

Bala Meenakshisundaram
staff writer

Working out and staying in good shape is a primary concern for most young people, especially in their college days when they have time and free access to a good gym facility like the Peters Recreation Complex. It seems as if the saying "two's company" fits no other scenario better than a workout routine.

Working out in pairs is an ever-emerging trend among students, and they usually take part in this practice for several reasons. There are even websites to match you with a like-minded workout buddy in the neighborhood.

Any person exercising with a buddy could be performing one of the following four roles: the spotter, the mentor, the socializer or the professional. Each of these roles has its own merits and ways of affecting the people that play them.

Jennifer Sprayberry, senior in management, said working out with her husband Caleb has been very productive for her. The Sprayberrys have been married for about six months, but have been working out together off and on for almost two years. She said Caleb has been her greatest motivation.

"I don't like to work out. I need him here with me," she said.

The duo also exercises together to spend more time with each other during a day since they have completely different schedules.

"We realized how stressful to the relationship it could be if we went and worked out separately," Jennifer said.

Finding a workout buddy can be easy, too, and one can decide to exercise with a partner any time.

Sonya Merwin, sophomore in business management, said her roommate Yuqin Xu, junior in accounting, is her workout buddy. Their first exercise session together was earlier this week.

"I begged her. I have been working out on my own," Merwin said.

Merwin stated that she decided to start working out because she heard college is the time when good habits start.

"I want to be able to stay healthy and work out when I get older," she said.

Merwin and Xu had a good start and a plan to make it to the gym at least twice a week.

Prior experience working out with a buddy could help lead the other individual to working out



(left to right) **Andrew Turvey**, senior in electrical engineering, **Rusty Gray**, senior in kinesiology, and **Sid Arguello**, sophomore in sociology and psychology, run around Memorial Stadium Wednesday afternoon as part of KIN 162 Jogging.

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in the right way. Both Jennifer and Xu have had friends with whom they worked out before they started going with their current partners.

"My best friend in the army got me into working out," said Jennifer. "He helped me out immensely."

Xu said she has been exercising with her other Chinese friends for over a year now.

Having a workout buddy also

helps one push themselves or encourage their partner to perform better every time.

According to Jennifer, the results are good and consistent.

"We do weight training and I go up in weights almost every week," she said.

Having a partner also adds a sense of responsibility. According to Merwin, working out by oneself means less accountability which may lead to lower mo-

tivation and hence slower results or stopping.

"When you don't show up you are not letting yourself down, but letting someone else down too," Merwin said.

Some people exercise on their own for various reasons.

"Girls in my group are not interested in sports," said Rucha Mandlik, graduate student in architecture and a regular at the gym for the past two years.

However she agreed having a partner would be better.

"I would prefer a partner for certain exercises because it gives you motivation," Mandlik said.

Workout buddies could have a widespread, positive impact on each other. So the next time you have trouble lifting the weight or trying to push yourself that extra bit, don't hesitate to look around and ask for another person's help with a warm smile.

Romance in words

Sandi Lam
staff writer

"Je t'aime" is French for "I love you." Even though the meaning is the same, somehow it sounds more romantic spoken in French. Romance languages like French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese show up in everyday life, like in the occasional conversation with a foreign exchange student, and in movies. It is not easy to pinpoint the specific reasons for the appeal, but it is no secret that the sounds of the romantic languages are quite pleasant to the ear.

Languages are deeply embedded in the culture of the society they stem from.

"Language and culture go hand-in-hand," said Samantha McCloud, junior in architecture.

She suggested the romantic implications of a language are there because of the culture it stems from. For example, Spanish is perceived as a romantic language partially due to the Spanish culture. The dramatic traditions like the strikingly bold dance, the paso doble, for example, are some features of the culture that differ from American culture. These differences make the Spanish language romantically appealing to Americans.

"Other languages are attractive because they suggest something exciting, interesting and different," McCloud said.

The American culture romanticizes a multitude of other languages, but the denoted Romance languages, French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese, receive primary attention because they are the cultures from which there are romantic expectations.

Claire Dehon, professor of French, has an opinion on why romantic languages might be considered as such.

"Americans say that French is a 'romantic' language, but not every culture says the same," Dehon said.

She said she thinks it is because Americans associate France with an understanding of love.

"Personally, I do not find French any more romantic than others," Dehon said.

The Romance languages flow easily and are rich with culture, and whether a language is considered romantic is ultimately up to each individual.

GO TIME

K-State to play Utah in round 2

Tyler Scott
senior staff writer

It's a new time of the season for the 5 seeded Wildcats as they will look to gain some momentum back when they take on the 12 seeded Utah State Aggies tonight in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. K-State is coming off a loss to Colorado in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament, while the Aggies won the Western Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championship over Boise State. Utah State comes into this game with only three total losses on the year against Brigham Young University, Idaho University and Georgetown University all on the road. Tai Wesley leads the team with 14.7 points per game and eight rebounds per game.

"Our kids played real well down the stretch and I'm just ecstatic for them. This will be an unbelievable challenge since Utah State won 30 games this season."

Frank Martin
Head Coach

"The Wesley kid is very good," junior forward Jamar Samuels said. "He's big in the post and can score. I think our interior defense can help out on that end though." K-State feels that it has the chance to move on against Utah State, citing the fact that the team had a few days to refresh their minds after the loss to Colorado.

"Jacob [Pullen] and I are going to try and keep the team focused," senior forward Curtis Kelly said. "Utah State dominated its conference and we just have to play to survive."

The Wildcats did have a six game winning streak before falling in the Big 12 Tournament, capping the regular season off with a win on Senior Day against Iowa State on Mar. 5.

Head coach Frank Martin is proud of the team for what they've been able to go through this season. He feels that the NCAA committee was very generous and is looking forward to the upcoming match up.

"The committee respected the fact that we played a strong schedule," Martin said. "Our kids played real well down the stretch and I'm just ecstatic for them. This will be an unbelievable challenge since Utah State won 30 games this season."

Martin also said he thought the Big 12 Conference would earn more teams in the field since it's a tough conference to play in.

Senior guard Jacob Pullen has



Junior forward **Jamar Samuels** goes for a layup against Colorado Thursday afternoon in the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo.

only failed to score in double figures twice this season for the team and leads them with 19.5 points per game. He said the Aggies know how to play zone defense and shoot the ball well.

"I understand the quick turnaround for this tournament and we have to have the sense of urgency because the clock is ticking," Pullen

said.

On what the Aggies reaction to seeing their opponent be K-State, Pullen said Utah State should be in shock.

"I don't think they were too happy to see us," Pullen said. "Then again I don't think a lot of teams would be happy to see us in their tournament."

This matchup should provide plenty of excitement as both teams are shooting over 36 percent from beyond the arc. Both teams also score more than 70 points per game.

Tipoff is scheduled for 8:57 p.m. in Tucson, Ariz. at the McKale Center and will be televised on TruTV.

Sophomore's skills compliment more than basketball

Tyler Scott
senior staff writer

From playing sports as a young kid, sophomore guard Rodney McGruder has developed into a skilled all-around athlete. His influences have helped with his development and his ability to play basketball came from a very important person in his life.

His sister taught him to succeed in basketball, starting with the fundamentals.

"She taught me a lot on how to shoot and rebound," McGruder said.

His rebounding skills have shown significantly, as the Washington, D.C., native is leading the team with six rebounds per game.

While growing up, McGruder was interested in another sport besides basketball, and the things he learned from it has helped him prepare for where he is at now.

"I really wanted to play football when I was younger," McGruder said. "I was a wide receiver but was just mediocre at it."

Junior forward Jamar Samuels said McGruder has grown into a great teammate.

"I never knew he played football, but by the way he attacks the boards I know he probably improved his speed," Samuels said. "Watching him grow up into the player that he is at K-State's been amazing. I'm very happy for him."

After playing football for a while, McGruder decided to take his game to the basketball court. He said basketball

originally started just as a community activity when he would participate in the Boys and Girls Club every once in a while. He said it was never very competitive but gives credit to how the sport and K-State have changed his life.

"It's taken me places I would have never imagined," McGruder said. "The education and traveling all over the world are some of the biggest advantages."

McGruder continued his on-court athleticism in the summer when he decided to join the Amateur Athletic Union team, the D.C. Assault. He said it was a time when he played against some of the best players in the country and was also teammates with Samuels and former Wildcats Wally Judge, Dominique Sutton and Michael Beasley. McGruder also spent some time down in Florida with Judge and was a big fan of the weather and beaches.

With two years of eligibility left after this season, McGruder has already learned the ins and outs of head coach Frank Martin's system. His contributions have helped the team extensively because he spends time with a basketball in his hand every day.

Sophomore forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts said McGruder gives 100 percent all the time.

"He's always in the gym taking shots and he gives the extra effort whether it's in a practice or a game diving for a loose ball," Henriquez-Roberts said. "I met him on a recruiting visit and we've



Sophomore guard **Rodney McGruder** shoots the ball against Colorado Thursday afternoon in the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo.

gelled together very well. Now we live together and it's a lot of fun."

Senior guard Jacob Pullen said McGruder has become a key player on and off the court letting his voice be heard.

"He continues to evolve into a good player and he's stepping up into a leadership role, becoming a vocal person," Pullen said. "He knows how he wants to get things done and he's an example of someone we need to step up."

Wildcats could make deep run



Ashley Dunkak

Let me start by saying I'm a pretty optimistic person. So if you think this reasoning of how K-State could make another long run into late March is ludicrous, keep in mind I'm giving the team the benefit of the doubt. Personally, I think that's the best way to go.

Accordingly, I'm outlining for you a few reasons justifying why the Wildcats could be very successful in this tournament. In brief, K-State has had considerable success this season in situations of quick turn-arounds between games, the team seems to excel most when it is getting up from getting knocked down, and, while NCAA tournament play is on a whole other level than regular season games, the Wildcats' schedule has prepared them for this caliber of competition.

Rationale 1: If you look at the conference schedule, it becomes apparent that K-State has had some of its biggest wins during some of its toughest stretches, with games being played every two or three days.

After losing to Colorado for the second time, the Wildcats had only Sunday and part of Monday to prepare to face the Jayhawks in Bramlage. We all remember what the result of that game was - storming the court to ring a bell, anyone? After getting a road victory against a solid Nebraska team on Feb. 23, the Wildcats had three days to prepare for a rematch with Missouri. After that win, it was another quick turnaround to play Texas in Austin on Big Monday. What do you know? Another successful conquest.

Rationale 2: It's always more fun to exceed expectations than it is to live up to them. Last season, the Wildcats really embraced the chip-on-the-shoulder mentality, and it worked wonders for them. This season, after the much-publicized trials and tribulations, the players are at that place again. As senior guard Jacob Pullen put it, "We're all we got."

Starting out the season ranked No. 3 in the country, that underdog identity got lost some, I think. Suspensions, players quitting and losses set some spectators to wondering if this team would even come close to living up to its potential. Because of the way the players have responded to all these difficult situations, I think the Wildcats will, in fact, be able to maximize their capabilities.

Just think about the last month. After that heartbreaking loss to Colorado, when sophomore guard Rodney McGruder's would-be-game-winning 3-pointer swished through the basket at the buzzer but was not counted, who would have thought the Wildcats would turn around and spank Kansas to kick off a six-game winning streak? Maybe you did, but I sure did not see that coming.

Resilience has really been a key characteristic for this team all season. As head coach Frank Martin said, he and the coaching staff have gone through just about everything with this team this season. And yet here we are; the program has bounced back from a myriad of different issues, and it looks like the team is better than ever.

Rationale 3: With that said, it's not a stretch to say all other 63 teams are also reaching their peak at this time of year. Fortunately, the Wildcats are used to playing good teams.

First of all, the Big 12 is such a solid league. So many of those teams would be marked as NCAA-caliber were they in smaller conferences, whose champions get to go to the big dance automatically in the interest of representing schools across the board.

When you look at this list of opponents, it's really no wonder the NCAA selection committee gave K-State a No. 5 seed. The Wildcats played KU twice, Missouri twice, Texas A&M once and Texas once.

Keep in mind this, too, though: The Wildcats also played four games against ranked opponents during their nonconference schedule. You know, the time of year when many schools put "easy wins" on the slate to pad their records? The Wildcats played Gonzaga, Duke, Virginia Tech and Florida, all ranked in the top 25 at those particular times in the season. Three of those four teams are in the NCAA tournament along with the Wildcats.

I'm not saying March Madness is easy compared to K-State's regular season schedule, but Martin did say he and his guys were happy not to have to face a Big 12 team for at least a week.

So even though you might feel a little silly penciling K-State into a Sweet Sixteen or Elite Eight spot this season, go ahead and do it, at least in one of your brackets.

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Wildcats Defeat Huskers 6-5

Sean Frye
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A 5-0 lead following the top of the third inning for the Cornhuskers seemingly spelled doom early for the Wildcats' baseball squad. However, the bullpen and some timely hitting by the offense allowed the Wildcats to come back and take a 6-5 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning, a lead that they never surrendered.

"We continue to fall behind and then find a way," said Wildcats' head coach Brad Hill. "We're in a learning process and it was great to see some guys come through for us."

The Cornhuskers' offense drew first blood in the top of the second inning when shortstop Chad Christensen doubled to right-field off a hit and run that scored Kash Kalkowski. The Wildcats' starting pitcher Justin Lindsey was pulled in the second inning after allowing the run and hitting two batters. Levi Schlick, who finished off the second inning without any more damage, replaced him.

"The plan the whole night was if you're not going to throw strikes, you're going to come out," Hill said.

The early pitching woes continued for the Wildcats in the third inning. After giving up a solo home run to Cody Asche, a double to Josh Scheffert and walking Kalkowski, Schlick was pulled from the game and Jake Doller came in to relieve him.

That didn't do much to

stop the bleeding though, as Christensen nailed a two-RBI double to left field, which was followed by another RBI double to left field by Kurt Farmer, which extended the Cornhuskers' lead to 5-0.

"More than anything else, when Levi gave up the solo home run, he stopped throwing strikes," Hill said. "A solo home run doesn't beat you, it's what you do after that."

After a disastrous two and a half innings for the Wildcats, they found life in the bottom of the third inning with a three-run home run by Mike Kindel that brought Nick Martini and Jake Brown home. That left the score at 5-3 in favor of the Cornhuskers.

"I was just going up there to stay flat with runners in scoring position," Kindel said. "He threw a high fast-ball and I got a pretty good swing on it. We gained all of our momentum that we needed after that. We just needed a little spark."

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Kent Urban gave the Wildcats the lead with a 3-run home run to right-field that gave his squad a 6-5 lead.

"Tonight we really wanted to get something elevated," Hill said. "We have not done a good job where we leave the zone in RBI situations. It's something we continue to work on. Tonight we saw some good stuff."

After the third inning, the Wildcats' bullpen was the key factor in their come-

back, as Jared Moore, Tyler Sturges, Shawn Lewick and James Allen continually got the team out of numerous jams. In the eighth inning, Lewick struck out all three batters, despite Kurt Farmer advancing all the way to third base on an error by the right-fielder and a passed ball. In the final six innings, the Wildcats' pitching staff only allowed two hits to the Cornhuskers. Allen came in to relieve Lewick in the ninth inning and sat the Cornhuskers down in order with two strikeouts to secure the victory as well as his fifth save of the year. Doller was credited with the win for the Wildcats.

"I trust 100 percent in the coaching staff and catcher, and I don't question what they say," Allen said about his mindset going into the ninth inning for the save. "It's fun to be able to help my team win in any way possible."

With the win, the Wildcats garnered their 12th win of the year headed into Big 12 play, which starts Friday in Austin, Texas, as the Wildcats play the Texas Longhorns. The Longhorns are ranked 10th in the country, and will be a big test to the talent of the Wildcats.

"Obviously we want to go down there and get wins, but right now I'm more focused on how we carry out our business," Hill said.

Following the three-game series with the Longhorns, the Wildcats travel to Waco, Texas to face the Baylor Bears.

SGA to consider funding for students

SGA to introduce bill, students' team bugets to be affected

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senior staff writer

Academic Competition Teams have requested a total of \$119,045.00 from the Student Governing Association allocations committee for the 2012 fiscal year. However, the committee recommended the teams only receive a combined \$45,000.00 to stay within the academic competition team budget.

The bill will be introduced in Student Senate tonight. Some of the teams include the agricultural competition teams, Powercat Motorsports, Speech Unlimited and the Quarter Scale Tractor Team. These groups "bring prestige and national recognition" to K-State, according to the bill.

Senate will also entertain a bill to provide the Student Alumni Board with a \$1,000.00 allocation. Ten members from

the board are attending the Council for Advancement and Support of Education Affiliated Student Advancement Program in Nashville, Tenn.

According to the bill, the members will bring new ideas for student and alumni projects back to K-State. These projects will help retention and recruitment efforts.

Another bill will amend the K-State SGA Student Rights article if it is ratified by the college councils. Several additional rights will be added if the bill is passed by Senate. Notably, a right entitled "Equal Protection" guarantees "The right to equal protection of laws and rules without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, creed, or any other unreasonable consideration."

The meeting has been moved to 6 p.m. due to the men's basketball game against Utah State in the NCAA Tournament. The game begins at 9 p.m.

Senate meets in the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union.

Census data shows increase in Kansas population, Riley County grows larger

Results deemed "predictable," smaller counties could suffer

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According to the national census data collected last year, the state of Kansas has seen a 6.1 percent increase in population and László Kulcsár, associate professor of sociology, is skeptical of whether or not having an additional 164,702 residents in the state is a positive scenario.

The problems he foresees are in the rural areas of the state.

A press release given on Kulcsár's predictions stated that 70 percent of Kansas counties lost residents over the last ten years, and 23 of the total 105 counties lost over 10 percent of their population.

Kulcsár said this information isn't very surprising.

"History has shown this [decline] already as these

trends are not new," Kulcsár said. "These [rural] areas have been losing population for the last 70 or 80 years, most of them won't go anywhere soon."

The growth Kansas is seeing is mainly coming from Johnson County and areas around Wichita and Riley, he said. The growth in these areas was expected.

"Johnson County is probably the richest county in Kansas, and it isn't necessarily unique to Kansas that people want to live in these metropolitan areas," Kulcsár said.

The real problem is the contrast between a high volume of formerly rural, young Kansas residents moving to metro areas, and the older generations remaining.

"Usually young families about to establish households are extremely important to communities because they're about to reach their prime consumption age," Kulcsár said. "They make purchases in the community and pay taxes that support businesses,

schools and community services."

If these young residents move out of small communities, there is no room for the area to grow either economically or population wise.

"The population continues to age drastically, and this will fundamentally change Kansas," Kulcsár said.

Riley County specifically has undergone a five to fifteen percent increase, which is typical for the county. The population of Riley depends on soldiers coming and going "and the type of students K-State wants to attract. Riley County's population is fairly stable," Kulcsár said.

Another notable change on the 2010 census in Kansas is the increase in diversity, mainly in the southwest areas of the state.

These specific areas see an increase in diversity over the years due to their large factories that attract migrant and refugee labor workers. These workers make up a large constituency of the counties in

southwest Kansas.

While these regions, and counties like Johnson and Leavenworth, saw an increase in diversity, other areas saw virtually none, which "is the nature of a state like Kansas," Kulcsár said. It is all about where the need and opportunities are.

Even though the numbers may not be what is best for Kansas, Kulcsár has more neutral opinions about the change.

"Kansas population trends are fairly stable to predict because the state doesn't have many uncertainties as do fast-growing states such as Arizona," he said, according to the press release. "Unlike other states, we have the opportunity to work on issues today to ensure we have a plan 10 years down the road."

Kulcsár said that in the end, the numbers themselves are not all that shocking.

"The biggest surprise about the new census was that there was no surprise whatsoever," he said.

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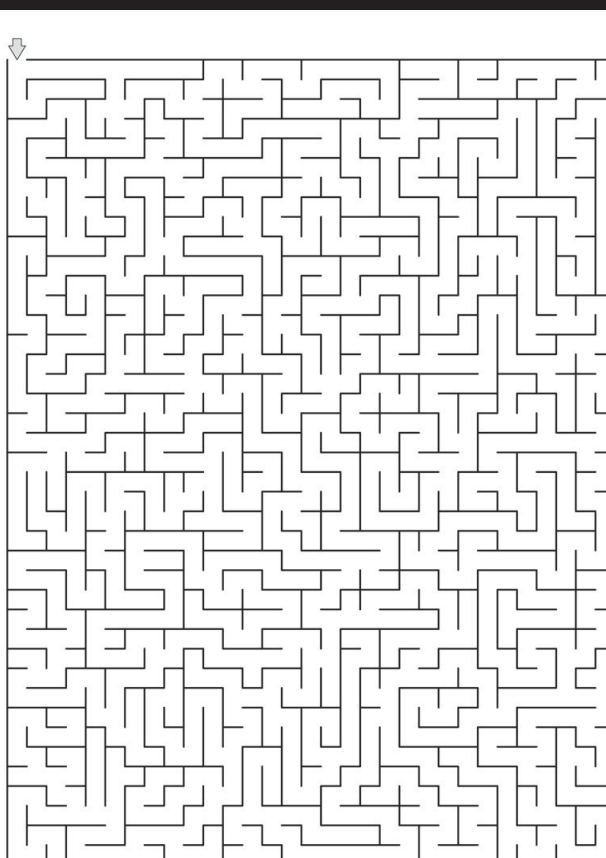


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water usage by 37 gallons a day per room. “That’s a savings of over 13,000 gallons per room annually,” Woodruff said. This would bring the total savings to approximately 130,000 gallons per year. To put it in perspective, according to answers.com that is equivalent to about 988,000 16.9 fl. oz. water bottles each year. In addition to saving water, the toilets will also save money. “The monetary impact of high-efficiency dual flush toilets is amazing. The toilets will pay for themselves after just 8

months and will save the Quality Inn \$1,700 a year,” Woodruff said. In addition to aiding the hotel in saving water and money, Gorrell feels there are environmental benefits of the project, too — even if hotel guests don’t know they are saving water. “Most people are blessed with a virtually endless water supply, which makes it a lot harder to realize just how much you’re using,” she said. “SIFE’s small actions to help the community cut back on water usage isn’t only beneficial to the Quality Inn, but will pay off in a big way to the environment in the years to come.”

“Whether people realize they’re saving water by using these toilets or not doesn’t really matter, however I find it rewarding to know that I helped protect our most valuable resource, even if it was thanks to toilets,” Gorrell said. For the SIFE group, this project isn’t necessarily the extent of their involvement in Salina businesses. “We hope that this is not the end of this project, as we are planning to keep track of the improvements at the Quality Inn as well as take our story to other Salina hotel owners to make improvements at their hotels,” Woodruff said.

It all adds up for K-State math

Students take first and second in math contest held on campus

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The K-State Department of Mathematics had more to celebrate than Pi Day this week. Several K-State students participated in the Kansas Collegiate Mathematics Competition held at Baker University. Virginia Naibo, assistant professor of mathematics and KCMC advisor, said the competition takes place every spring in a Kansas college or university and is set up by the Kansas Section of the Mathematical Association of America. The team consisted of six K-State students: Dakota Bixler, junior in mathematics and electrical engineering; Hui Cao, senior in mathematics; Na Long, sophomore in mathematics; Brian Moore,

senior in mathematics and electrical engineering; Brian Tierney, senior in mathematics and electrical engineering and Yuan Yan, sophomore in mathematics. Bixler, Moore and Tierney received first place in the team competition and Cao, Long and Yan placed second. “The test was five questions long and we had three hours to complete five math proofs,” said Tierney, a member of the first place team. The test focused on solving theorems. “Many people think mathematicians are number crunchers, but they really like ideas and nice results,” Tierney said. “For example, we were given a chess board with all the pieces on the last problem of the test. We had to show how to cover the entire chess board with dominos by removing two chess pieces.” Tierney said he enjoys competing in these type of math competition because they help him expand his knowledge in

engineering. “The reason I study math is so I can gather more intuition and insight into my double major, which is engineering,” he said. “I take these math competitions as a way to gather more information about math and engineering.” Naibo congratulated the teams for taking the top spots in the competition, praised the students’ mathematical abilities, and said the math department was very proud of them. To get involved in next year’s competition, students are offered a mathematics class to help improve their skills. “The mathematics department offers a seminar during the fall semester called the Putnam Seminar,” Naibo said. “This is a great opportunity for the students to prepare for various mathematics competitions such as the Putnam Competition, the Parker Competition and the Kansas Collegiate Mathematics Competition.”

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troupe performed four different skits, one at a time. The catch, however, is that each actor starred in two skits, one with the person to his left, the other with the person to his right. Littrell would tell the actors when to either pan left or pan right. Then, each actor would walk to another corner of an imaginary square. Only the two actors

at the front of the stage, however, would resume acting in their own skit. Littrell would rotate the stage again and another skit would resume where it left off. After a minute or so, he’d change the channel again, often after a line or action drew a notable uproar of laughter. Students enjoyed the show and for many, it was the first On the Spot performance they at-

tended. “Hilarious. It was so funny, the fact that they do this on the spot, it is insane,” said Liz Gonzales, senior in elementary education. “It’s something I could never do.” On the Spot performs at Kite’s Grille and Bar in Aggieville biweekly, Littrell said. They also hold workshops at local high schools to give a taste of how improv works.

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